

IRENEO D. BRODIT AND ANTONIO D. BRODIT

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2117]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2117) for the relief of Ireneo D. Brodit and Antonio D. Brodit, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to preserve nonquota status for Ireneo D. Brodit and Antonio D. Brodit, who are sons of a U.S. citizen, to which status they would be entitled were it not for the fact they have reached their majority.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following information was contained in House Report No. 1802, on the bill:

The beneficiaries are 34- and 27-year-old brothers, natives and citizens of the Philippines, residing in that country. Their father is a U.S. citizen who retired after 29 years honorable service in the U.S. Army. The older beneficiary has an artificial foot as a result of a fire while he was working as a labor foreman at an ammunition depot in 1948. He also served as a guerrilla during World War II. The younger beneficiary desires to join the U.S. Armed Forces.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated March 30, 1959, from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
Washington, D.C., March 30, 1959.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 2117) for the relief of Ireneo D. Brodit and Antonio D. Brodit, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiaries by the San Francisco, Calif., office of this Service, which has custody of those files.

The bill would confer nonquota status in the issuance of immigrant visas upon two adult sons of a citizen of the United States.

As quota immigrants, the beneficiaries would be chargeable to the quota for the Philippines.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

"MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE IRENEO D. BRODIT AND
ANTONIO D. BRODIT, BENEFICIARIES OF H.R. 2117

"Information concerning this case was obtained from Vicente Brodit, the interested party and father of the beneficiaries.

"Both beneficiaries were born at Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, are citizens of and have always resided in that country. Ireneo DeJuan Brodit was born on April 5, 1926, and Antonio DeJuan Brodit was born on December 24, 1932. Both are single and live at 11 Rivera Street, Baclaran, Paranaque, Rizal in the Philippines. The older beneficiary graduated from high school in 1947 and attended the Far East University at Manila, where he completed a business and commerce course in 1957. The younger beneficiary completed 2 years of high school at Pasay City, then received training as an electrician and radio technician. Neither beneficiary is employed, and the interested party states he sends \$200 monthly to the Philippines to support the beneficiaries and other members of the family there. The beneficiaries' father and one brother reside in the United States. The mother, two brothers and four sisters live in the Philippines. They also have a brother shipping with the U.S. merchant marine and a brother in the U.S. Army stationed in Italy. The father and the brother in the Army are U.S. citizens; all other relatives are citizens of the Philippines.

"The interested party was born on January 1, 1901, at Bacolod, Philippine Islands. He lives at 1313 Mingo Avenue, Seaside, Calif. He was married to Rosario DeJuan on May 17, 1922, at Fort Stotsenburg, this being the only

marriage for each. The interested party served in the U.S. Army from 1919 until his retirement as a first sergeant on May 31, 1948. During this service he became a U.S. citizen through naturalization in the Philippines on September 25, 1946. After his retirement he attended the Far East University taking courses in radio and automotive mechanics until 1954. He arrived in the United States at San Francisco, Calif., on July 15, 1954. He worked at Kahn's Department Store in Oakland, Calif., until 1957. He has since then been employed as a kitchen helper at the Mark Thomas Inn, Monterey, Calif. His present salary from that employment is \$300 monthly, and his pension from the Army is \$55 monthly. His only asset is a bank account of \$531."

The Director of the Visa Office, Department of State, submitted the following report on this legislation:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, March 31, 1959.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. CELLER: I refer to your letter of January 28, 1959, requesting a report on H.R. 2117, 86th Congress, introduced by Mr. Teague of California on January 9, 1959, for the relief of Ireneo D. Brodit and Antonio D. Brodit. The bill would make the beneficiaries the minor children of their father, Mr. Vicente Brodit, a citizen of the United States, for the purposes of sections 101(a)(27)(A) and 205 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

According to information received from the American Embassy at Manila, Philippines, Ireneo Dejuan Brodit was born on April 5, 1926, at Angeles, Pampanga, Philippines, and is presently residing in Baclaran, Paranaque, Rizal, Philippines. He graduated from high school in 1947 and attended a 6-month vocational course in bookkeeping in 1955. He performed military service as a guerrilla during the liberation of the Philippines during World War II. While working as a labor foreman at an ammunition depot during 1948, he was injured during a fire and his left foot was amputated. He seems to have made an excellent adjustment to an artificial foot, but has been unemployed since, more because of the unemployment problem in the Philippines than because of his handicap. He helps his brother with radio repair work, but if admitted to the United States he would seek a clerical job. He speaks English well and appears willing and able to work.

Antonio D. Brodit was born on December 24, 1932, at Angeles, Pampanga, Philippines, and is presently also residing at Baclaran. He graduated from elementary school in 1949, but failed to finish his first year in high school. He has worked for 1 year as a radio mechanic and has had 6 months' training with the Philippine Army. He has been jobless since, but does a little radio repair work for neighbors and friends. He stated that he has looked for work without

success and indicated that he desires to join the U.S. Armed Forces if admitted.

The beneficiaries are supported by their father and live with their mother and 11 other members of the family, including cousins, in a five room rented house.

Antonio D. Brodit is registered as of October 24, 1956, under the fourth preference portion of the Philippine quota. Although Ireneo D. Brodit is presently chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the Philippine quota, the approval of a visa petition filed by his father would entitle him to fourth preference status. However, since both the fourth preference and nonpreference portions of the Philippine quota are heavily oversubscribed, a protracted period of waiting must be anticipated before final consideration could be given to the beneficiaries' visa applications.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH S. HENDERSON,
Director, Visa Office.

Mr. Teague of California, the author of this bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary and testified as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, the purpose of this bill is to permit two sons of Philippine birth to join their father, Vicente Brodit, U.S. citizen and Philippine Scout, who served 29 years in the U.S. Army. Vicente Brodit resides at Seaside, Calif., and three of his children reside there with him. He is the principal source of support for the beneficiaries of this bill, Ireneo D. Brodit and Antonio D. Brodit.

"It is noted with special interest that Antonio D. Bodit has indicated his desire to join the U.S. Armed Forces if admitted. Ireneo, whose left foot has been amputated, would seek a clerical job if admitted, as he has been trained as a bookkeeper. I understand that both of these beneficiaries speak English quite well.

"Mr. Brodit has informed me by telegram that Mrs. Brodit hopes to come to the United States, to be with her husband and family, when the sons are allowed to enter as permanent residents.

"I respectfully request favorable action on H.R. 2117."

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 2117) should be enacted.

